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SUBJECT: TRAIN- DAVIS MEETING

1. WITHOUT COMMITTING CHAIRMAN TRAIN EVEN TO DECISION TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING PARIL 9 TALKS WITH MINISTER DAVIS WE AGREED TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF UNCLEARED CANADIAN DRAFT FOR POSSIBLE COMMUNIQUE. IRRESPECTIVE OF SUITABILITY AS COMMUNIQUE, LANGUAGE PROVIDES INSIGHT ON SUBJECTS DAVIS INTENDS RAISE DURING MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT

IN OTTAWA TODAY, THE HONOURABLE JACK DAVIS, CANADIAN MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE HONOURABLE RUSSELL E. TRAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT' S COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, MET TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THIS FOLLOWS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA OVER THE PAST YEAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN THE TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES, AND TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF AREAS ALONG THE COMMON BOUNDARY.

THEY REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AIMED AT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN EACH COUNTRY. THESE INCLUDED IN CANADA PLANS TO ENACT LEGISLATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS; THE ISSUANCE OF STRENGTHENED REGULATIONS ON PESTICIDES AND FOR THE REMOVAL OF PHOSPHORUS FROM DTERGENTS; CONTINUING STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE MACKENZIE RIVER VALLEY, ETC. ETC. IN THE UNITED STATES... ETC. ETC.

MR. TRAIN AND MR. DAVIS REAFFIRMED THE INTEREST IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN BROADER MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES AIMED AT SAFEGUARDING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. BOTH COUNTRIES HAD SIGNED THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE DUMPING OF WASTE AT SEA CONCLUDED IN LONDON IN DECEMBER 1972;..... ETC. MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN DISCUSSED PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN GENEVA IN JUNE OF THE UN GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS,... ETC. ETC. (INSERT REFERENCES TO OTHER MULTILATERAL ACITIVITIES.)

THEY REVIEWED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY WHICH WAS SIGNED LAST APRIL IN OTTAWA BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND PRESIDENT NIXON. MR. DAVIS NOTED ON THE CANADIAN SIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AT MUNICIPALITIES IN THE LOWER LAKES AREA WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1975, AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT; AND THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO WERE UNDERWAY WHICH INCLUDED THE FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE UPPER LAKES. ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE MR. TRAIN ETC. ETC.....

THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE NEW REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION WOULD SHORTLY BE OPENED IN WINDSOR AND THAT THE DIRECTOR AND THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR HAD NOW BEEN SELECTED. THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION' S FIRST REPORT, DUE NEXT SUMMER, ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED UNDER THE AGREEMENT DURING ITS INITIAL YEAR.
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MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE HIGH LEVELS OF WATER IN THE GREAT LAKES SYSTEM,

BUT RECOGNIZED THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS PHYSICAL LIMITS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO EFFECT A LOWERING OF THESE LEVELS. THEY EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSER COOPERATION IN FUTURE REGULATION OF LEVELS IN THE SYSTEM, POSSIBLY INVOLVING AN EXPANSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION IN THIS AREA.

THEY DISCUSSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION LAST AUTUMN IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION IN THE DETROIT AND ST. CLAIR RIVERS AREA. OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ONTARIO AND MICHIGAN, HAVE MET IN WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA, AND ARE PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS ON MEASURES TO ABATE SUCH POLLUTION. THEY WILL ALSO REPORT ON WAYS TO DEAL RAPIDLY WITH PEAK PERIOD OF EXCESSIVE AIR POLLUTION, AND ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION IN MONITORING AIR POLLUTION IN THE AREA.

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MR. DAVIS RESTATED CANADIAN VIEWS IN REGARD TO PROPOSALS TO FLOOD THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE SKAGIT

RIVER, AND NOTED THE WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION IN CANADA TO SUCH FLOODING. BOTH HE AND MR. TRAIN WELCOMED THE PROSPECT OF EARLY CANADA- UNITED STATES DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, INVOLVING ALSO THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE CITY OF SEATTLE. A MEETING WAS NOW PLANNED FOR (BLANK) IN (BLANK).

THEY DISCUSSED COOPERATIVE MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF BOUNDARY AREAS ON THE PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC COASTS, ESPECIALLY FROM OIL SPILLS. MR. DAVIS EXPRESSED SPECIAL CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM ALASKA BY TANKER INTO THE PUGET SOUND AREA.

AS AGREED AT THE MEETING BETWEEN MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN IN WASHINGTON LAST JULY 13, OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE CONSULTED ON MEANS OF FURTHER EXTENDING COOPERATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF GEORGIA STRAIT- PUGET SOUND- JUAN DE FUCA AREA.
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BROAD AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL ON THE NEED FOR STUDIES ON A COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL BASIS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) THE DETERMINATION OF AREAS WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, OR WHERE MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT;
- B) A JOINT STUDY OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE WATER IN THE TWO STRAITS AND PUGET SOUND;
- C) A JOINT STUDY AND OTHER MEASURES RELATING TO METEOROLOGICAL FORECASTING AND THE EFFECTS OF ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES ON THE WATERS OF THE REGION;
- D) THE ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF HYDROCARBONS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES INTO THE WATERS;
- E) BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS TO DESCRIBE THE PRESENT STATE OF ECOSYSTEMS AND PIN- POINT AREAS OF CRITICAL CONCERN;
- F) COOPERATIVE STUDIES RELATING TO SEDIMENTOLOGY AND COASTAL AND BOTTOM MORPHOLOGY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN AGREED THAT THESE AND OTHER STUDIES WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER BASIS FOR DESIGNING

PROGRAMS AND OTHER MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION AND
ENHANCEMENT OF THE WHOLE AREA.

THEY NOTED THAT SINCE THEY HAD MET LAST JULY, A
JOINT CONTINGENCY PLAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED, COVERING
THE BOUNDARY AREAS OF THE PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC COASTS,
AS WELL AS THE GREAT LAKES. THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR
THE GREAT LAKES, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR OVER A
YEAR, HAS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN CONTAINING AND
CLEANING UP OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS. MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN LOOKED
FORWARD TO THE EARLY SIGNATURE OF THE CANADA- U. S.
AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BRING FULLY INTO EFFECT SIMILAR
JOINT PLANS ON THE TWO COASTS.

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AT THEIR JULY 13 MEETING, MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN
HAD RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES OF
PRINCIPLES 21 AND 22 OF THE DECLARATION OF THE HUMAN
ENVIRONMENT ADOPTED BY THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. IN
THIS CONNECTION, AS AGREED LAST JULY, CONSULTATIONS
ARE PROCEEDING, AIMED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW AND
PROCEDURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES OF AN
ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE AND TO ENSURE PROMPT AND PROPER
COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE TO EITHER SIDE BY THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE OTHER.

MR. DAVIS AND MR. TRAIN LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING
AGAIN AT AN EARLY DATE, IN KEEPING WITH THEIR ESTABLISHED
PROGRAM FOR PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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